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FROM : [REDACTED] - A

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SUBJECT: Conference "Artichoke", 30 November 1951

1. On 30 November 1951, conference relative "Artichoke" was held in the office of [REDACTED]. Present, in addition to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and the writer. Com-

[REDACTED] acting as co-ordinator for the "Artichoke" work presented the agenda. Details follow in substance.

2. First, the discussion concerned the [REDACTED] of the "side-tone delay" [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] point of view was one in which they would like to have Agency support for the [REDACTED] since it would be a great help for them in their liaison work with the [REDACTED] stated that the [REDACTED] very strongly wanted the project continued, but they did not have money to continue. They felt that the "side-tone delay" project was one in which this Agency could well invest the necessary \$35,000.

3. [REDACTED] stated that he did not believe the project was worth the \$35,000, but [REDACTED] would support the project if it would help [REDACTED] stated that he felt that this project could have been done much cheaper if the Agency had had its own laboratory. [REDACTED] stated that he did not think this would be worth \$35,000 and doubted if it would be of any use to "Artichoke", but stated that he would support the project particularly if it would help [REDACTED] liaison work. [REDACTED] stated that he felt that all things considered, it was worthwhile to support the project.

4. It was, therefore, agreed that this conference would support the [REDACTED] but that before the actual contract was written, certain guarantees would have to be made protecting our interests in the matter although the project would be run by the [REDACTED] since the Agency's interest was not to be disclosed. In this connection, it was agreed that [REDACTED] and any other parties interested would get together and work on the project when it reached the contract stage to make sure our interests were protected and any special items covered.

5. [REDACTED] stated that the [REDACTED] work at [REDACTED] on drugs and their use in clinical work at [REDACTED] was due and he expected to receive it in the immediate future. He stated that the [REDACTED] had informed the [REDACTED] that they will cover the field of drugs and all interested Agencies will get reports in this connection. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had told him this and he felt that full reports along these lines would be forth coming.

A and [redacted] expressed some doubts as to whether or not we would receive any reports since no reports along these lines had been received to date.

A, C 6. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had been promised him for the following Wednesday (5 December). At this point, [redacted] stated that he wanted to impress upon all those present the extreme cost of good research at the present time. He stated that a good technical research project cost at the rate of \$20,000 a year for every one and one-half professionally-equipped researchers. Hence, he felt that the \$35,000 set out above for the [redacted] was probably not excessive.

A, A 7. [redacted] then asked [redacted] whether any research had been conducted or any attempts had been made to find out if work was being done on ultra-sonics. He stated that he had read some papers recently on sonic bearing and ultra-sonic bearing which indicated unusual results. [redacted] stated that he would make all necessary inquiries in this connection.

A 8. The discussion at this point was turned to detection of deception devices, particularly the "squeler" device and its possible use and [redacted] stated he would make notes on this matter and see if he could find out any information.

A, C, C 9. [redacted] stated that he had recently been in personal touch with [redacted] and stated that [redacted] who is doing most of his work at [redacted] is being paid apparently through the [redacted] and to date his work has been a straight [redacted] project and unclassified and some of his discoveries have been significant along "Artichoke" lines. [redacted] has done work particularly in the lysergic acid groups and he feels that this information would be of extreme value to this Agency. [redacted] stated that he was setting up the necessary liaison to obtain from [redacted] full details of this work. [redacted] stated that the [redacted] of the [redacted] was a friend of his and if necessary, he could talk to him on a very personal basis. [redacted] referred to above, is [redacted] National Research Council and an outstanding authority on anesthesiology and drugs in the United States.

A, B, C 10. [redacted] stated that the information that he was obtaining from the [redacted] was being obtained from [redacted] and this was proving highly successful.

A, B, C 11. [redacted] stated that he had been in contact with [redacted] a fully cleared Agency consultant. [redacted] was considering plans for using new techniques of inherent to the Agency which could be applied in the [redacted] The

was also studying how men could be trained for Agency use within the ramifications of the [redacted]. According to [redacted], he felt that a possible use could be made of [redacted] for the training of men in the use of drugs.

12. [redacted] stated that [redacted] and a specialist in electric shock was present in the building and he agreed to arrange a short meeting after this conference for those who wished to talk to [redacted] relative possible use of electric shock or similar devices in connection with "Artichoke" work.

13. At this point in the conference, the idea of setting up a laboratory for certain work in the Agency was discussed. [redacted] suggested that they contemplate a laboratory involving about four rooms and using six men who would be professional researchers. [redacted] stated that he had discussed this matter informally with [redacted] [redacted] stated, at this point, that whereas he thought the idea was probably sound, he felt a great many of the details should be discussed before consideration be given the project. He stated that he recently had been able to interest the [redacted] in the "Artichoke" work and he felt that if a laboratory was to be set up, the [redacted] should understand the type of work done there. [redacted] stated the position that the use of Agency personnel in drug experimentation of any type would have to be considered with a great deal of caution and many objections would have to be overcome before this could be done. [redacted] also stated that heretofore the [redacted] Agency had not shown any interest in Agency work along the "Artichoke" lines or other related lines but they have recently come around to a position of real support for this type of work. [redacted] stated that, in his opinion, the laboratory should be a much broader type of laboratory and not purely a medical laboratory.

14. At this point, the question of whether [redacted] who was formerly in [redacted] would do as a co-ordinator in the "Artichoke" type of work. [redacted] stated that he would definitely disapprove of [redacted] connection with this type of work and did not think [redacted] was suitable for it.

15. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had been very highly recommended as an outstanding psychiatrist in the country, but that [redacted] had been informed that it would be impossible to obtain the services of [redacted] since he was extremely busy.

16. [redacted] again brought up the subject of the "Vial" and stated that the [redacted] people were completing their tests on the instrument and final results should be known in about two weeks. [redacted] stated that the information now coming from [redacted] indicated that the instrument was of vastly more interest than originally thought and

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it was essential that every single item in connection with this would have to be fully gone into. In this connection, it was suggested that the [redacted] people send one of their top men to [redacted] if the toxicologist who made the original findings was still available. [redacted] informed [redacted] that his organization would make every effort to obtain the other instrument, run down the [redacted] toxicologist, and find out complete details on the two agents in question since it now appears that the agents were possibly lying or at least evasive in their answers. [redacted] stated that he was not certain whether or not these two agents had been run on the polygraph and he would find this out and would set in motion the necessary orders for this to be done.

17. The conference concluded at approximately 3:15 PM.

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